

FINANCES
OF THE
CITY OF LANCASTER,
AND
REPORT
OF THE
WATER COMMITTEE,
TO THE
SELECT AND COMMON COUNCILS,

MARCH 1, 1840,

LANCASTER,
J. W. FORNEY, PRINTER.

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The accounts of GEORGE MESSENKOP, Treasurer of the City of Lancaster, from February 18, 1839, to February 15, 1840.

Dr. *George Messsenkop, Treasurer, in account with the City of Lancaster.*

To balance due on Settlement. February 18, 1839,	1,358 53
Received of Butchers for Stall Rents,	210 25
" Daniel Roth, City Tax of the year 1839	5,633 99½
" Adam Dellet, balance of City Tax of the year 1838,	172 68
" J. A. Messenkop, water tax of the year, '38,	808 75
" do. do. '39,	2761 55
	<u>3,570 30</u>
" do. Rents. '38,	180 23
" do. Rents, '39,	1863 21
	<u>2,043 44</u>
" For Grass sold at Reservoir ground,	8 00
" Five stray hogs running at large,	5 00
" Lumber sold,	1 96
" of the Mayor, for rents of market stands the present year,	130 80
" do. do. last year,	7 25
" For Fines and Forfeitures,	9 68
" Licences granted,	36 00
" Refuge of Lumber at Reservoir,	19 50
" Broken Lamp,	50
" Water Permits,	68 00
" Oats sold in the ground,	20 50
" Forfeited butter,	10 35
" Amount received by him of Isaac Lightner,	77 66
" Amount of Loans,	15,319 00
" of C. Kieffer, one years rent of Mill,	350 25
	<u>\$29,058 64½</u>

The Accounts of GEORGE MESSENKOP, Treasurer of the City of Lancaster, from February 15, 1839, to February 15, 1840.

Cr. *George Messenkop, Treasurer, in Account with the City of Lancaster.*

Nightly Watch and Lamp expenses of the last and present winter,		
Paid 6 Watchmen 5 months' services	600 00	
" Sperm Oil,	428 22	
" Making and repairing Lamps,	21 62	
		1,049 84
" Interest on Loans,		8,890 22
" Off Loans to the City,		12,600 00

SALARIES.

Paid The Mayor, one year's salary	200 00	
" Solicitor, one year's salary,	50 00	
" Superintendent and Commissioner's three quarters salary,	300 00	
" Clerk of Select Council, one quarter's salary, due 1838,	18 75	
" Clerk of Common Council, three quarters' do,	56 25	
" High Constable, one half year's salary,	50 00	
" Clerk of Market, one year's salary,	100 00	
" Treasurer, one year's salary,	150 00	
		925 00

STREET EXPENSES.

Paid for Hauling on streets with carts,	282 76½	
" Laborers and pavers,	328 98	
" Building street bridges and materials,	16 00	
" Stones and other materials.	88 36	
" Smith work,	4 67	
		720 78½

CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Paid Fire Companies,	600 00	
" Printing 200 Finance Accounts, 200 copies of new edition of Ordinances and binding the same, publishing Ordinances and advertisements in newspapers, &c.	144 06	
" County Tax for mill property,	14 37	
" Candles, stationary for Councils, crying sales and making proclamation,	8 86	
" Assessor for assessing City and Water tax, and making duplicates,	126 00	
" Market benches and materials,	4 79	
" City Regulator's fees,	10 00	
" Revising Ordinances and drawing deed for ground purchased from Henry Steigerwalt,	27 25	
" Messenger to Councils for 17 days services, and key for Courthouse for use of Councils	21 00	
" John Warfel for recording Ordinances,	2 62	
" Expenses of City election for School Directors,	12 12	

Paid Emanuel Wimman, the reward for the apprehension of the murderer of Lazarus Zellerbach,	\$300 00	
" for lamp posts and repairing,	6 75	
" Henry Steigerwalt for a piece of ground at Factory alley,	15 00	
" Brooms and a brand for use of market,	2 20	
" Burying dead carcasses,	4 50	
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WATER WORKS.

Paid for carting and laborers,	180 45½	
" Carpenter work, lumber and timber,	49 45	
" Dellet & Keller, the balance in full for outer work of reservoir,	160 00	
" Leather mill straps, cogs and hoisting rope	54 93	
" Trees purchased, and planting at reservoir ground,	32 90	
" Laying pipes in West King and Orange streets,	925 00	
" Hardware, tallow, and materials for repair of mill and waterhouse,	33 57	
" A. Jones & Brothers on account of Iron pipes,	1000 00	
" Lead and lead packing and smith work at pipes, mill and waterhouse,	73 02	
" Coal for water house,	32 90	
" Painting done,	5 00	
" Whitewash brushes and brooms,	3 50	
" Ploughing and sowing oats at cottage field,	12 37	
" Services of Chairman of water committee,	250 00	
" Jacob Rathfon's bill, expenses of sale of mill; as allowed by Councils,	12 34	
" Brass ferrels,	37 60	
" Smut machine,	150 00	
" Millwright, for repairs and fixing smut machine,	34 50	
" Lumber, shingles and nails for roof of mill,	145 14	
" Stove and pipe for water house,	13 25	
" For roofing mill.	69 99	
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		\$28,760 85½
Balance in hands of the Treasurer,		292 79
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		\$29,053 64½

LANCASTER, February 26, 1840.

We, the Committee on the Finances of the City of Lancaster, do certify that we have carefully examined the above accompt of the City Treasurer, and find it correct, with a balance in favor of the City of Two Hundred and ninety-two dollars and seventy-nine cents.

JOHN F. STEINMAN,
R. MODERWELL,
THOS. R. JORDAN,
JOHN W. FORNEY.

The undersigned Committee of Finance respectfully beg leave to make the following report and offer the Resolutions appended:

In making provisions for the disbursements that may be required for the present year, and in accordance with their best judgment, they recommend an appropriation of Six Thousand Dollars, as the probable amount that will be required for that purpose; and that the same, in their opinion, ought to be raised by tax, and applied in the following manner:

To the payment of interest on loans,	\$2,033 00	
“ “ Watch and lamp expenses,	850 00	
“ “ Repairs on streets,	1000 00	
“ “ Fire Companies,	600 00	
“ “ Salaries,	1150 00	
“ “ Contingencies,	716 79	
“ “ City debt,	500 00	
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		\$6,849 79

From which deduct Receipts estimated from the following sources:

Stall rents, fines, forfeitures, &c.	\$337 00	
Tax out-standing,	512 79	
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		849 79

Balance to be raised by tax, \$6000 00

Resolved, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Lancaster, in Council assembled, that a tax of Six Thousand Dollars be raised for the current year, and that the same be assessed agreeably to an Ordinance entitled “An Ordinance concerning the imposing and collecting of the City Taxes.”

Resolved, That the amount of Taxes, as well as other receipts into the Treasury, be appropriated and applied to the objects, and in the proportion stated, in the foregoing report, and no other; unless there should be a balance of Appropriations unexpended, then it may be applied under the direction of the Committee of Finance and Accounts, to reduce the City Debt, or to such other objects as the Councils may direct. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN F. STEINMAN,
R. MODERWELL,
THOS. R. JORDAN,
JOHN W. FORNEY.

To the Select and Common Councils of the City of Lancaster:

The Water Committee, in submitting their annual Report, have the gratification of stating, that the repairs of the Reservoir have been completed, and that the whole of the Water Works are in good condition and successful operation.

The following exhibits the whole cost of the work:

Expense and costs, as per report of last year, including real estate	\$134,523 99	
Permanent expenses and improvements during the last year for pipes laid down,	\$2,025 00	
To contractors for completing the embankment,	160 00	
Carpenter work, timber and lumber,	49 45	
Purchase of and planting trees,	32 90	
New smut machine, &c.	184 59	
Repairing and roofing mill,	215 13	
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		2,666 98
Whole cost, including real estate,		137,190 97
Costs of real estate remaining on hand,		22,918 12
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Costs of the whole work,		\$114,272 85

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES OF THE YEAR.

Carting and laborers	80 45
Stove and pipe for water house,	13 25
Mill rope, leather straps, tallow, packing lead, painting and smith work,	252 89
Services of Chairman of Water Committee,	250 00
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	\$596 59

WHOLE AMOUNT OF PIPES LAID DOWN.

4429 feet 12 inch caliber,
1242 feet 10 " "
11530 feet 8 " "
3067 feet 6 " "
6119 feet 4 " "
676 feet 2 " "

Total 27063 feet.

Statement showing the contracts for the use of the Conestoga water at this time, and the amount for one year.

37 Dwellings,	at	\$7	\$259
90 do.	"	6	540
72 do.	"	5	360
1 Tavern,			28
3 do.	"	22	66
2 do.	"	18	36
2 do.	"	14	28
8 do.	"	12	96
6 do.	"	10	60
4	"	9	36
2 Factories,	"	30	60
Jail and Courthouse	"	50, 20,	70
2 Slaughter houses,	"	5	10
Stable and horses,	"	8	8
1 Brewery,			25
1 do.			20
10 Private Baths,	"	2	30
1 Tannery			25
1 Currier,			50
1 Distillery,			60
1 do.			50
1 do.			43
1 do,			40
2 Hatter shops,	"	8	16
56 Pave washes,	"	1	56
3 Barber shops,	"	5	15

Contract with Commonwealth, at the rate of 20 cents
per Locomotive, amounting the last year to the sum of \$856 00
Amount furnished Harrisburg Rail Road, same time, 252 56

The Committee recommend an appropriation of \$3000 as the probable
amount necessary for the payment of interest of loans, and incidental ex-
penses of the works during the current year, to be applied as follows:

For Interest on loan of \$136,594 50,	\$7,540 00
Debt due A. M. Jones for pipes,	424 18
Contingencies,	552 56
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	\$8,516 74

The Committee estimate the receipts of the

Water Rent the ensuing year, at	\$3,300 00	
Water Rents due,	318 80	
Water Tax due,	454 38	
Water Rent due from Commonwealth,	856 00	
Water Rent due from Harrisburg R. R. Co.	252 56	
Rent of Mill,	335 00	
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Leaving the amount to be raised by tax		3,000 00
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		\$8,516 74

The Committee respectfully submit the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, By the Select and Common Councils of the City of Lancaster, in Council assembled, that a Water tax of Three Thousand Dollars be raised for the current year, and that the same be assessed and collected agreeably to law and the Ordinances of the City.

RESOLVED, That the amount of Taxes, as well as other receipts paid into the Treasury, for Water purposes, be appropriated and applied to the objects stated in the foregoing report, to be drawn by warrant of the Mayor, all bills having first been approved by a quorum of the Water Committee.

All is respectfully submitted.

JOHN MATHIOT,
THOMAS JEFFERIES,
BER'D M'GONIGLE,
M. WITHERS,
DAVID COCKLEY,

In Select Council, March 2d, 1840, the said Report of the Water Committee, together with the Report of the Committee on Finance and the Treasurer's account being read, were on motion approved and adopted.

ATTEST:

W. WHITESIDE, Clerk, S. C.

Same day, in Common Council, the approval and adoption of the Reports of the Water Committee and Committee on Finance, together with the Treasurer's account concurred in.

ATTEST:

M. CARPENTER, Clerk, C. C.

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